REIGATE & REDHILL 'STOP THE WAR' COALITION

CONSTITUTION

1. Redhill & Reigate 'Stop the War' Coalition is affiliated to and is a constituent part of the national body of the same name.

2. Our purpose is to oppose the use or threat of military violence by powerful states in order to impose their will on weaker states or peoples.
As a constituent part of the national 'Stop the War' Coalition we seek to bring pressure to bear on the British government to abandon such policies itself and to dissociate itself from such policies practised by other governments.
We seek to further this purpose by initiating our own campaigns locally and by supporting, where appropriate, the campaigns organised by the national 'Stop the War' Coalition.

3. We also oppose the hypocrisy of powerful states which selectively condemn the possession of 'weapons of mass destruction' by other weaker states while continuing to possess and further develop such weapons themselves – ignoring the non-proliferation treaty to which they are themselves signatories.

4. Membership is open to anyone who broadly supports the aims and activities of the 'Stop the War' Coalition and who pays an annual subscription at a level decided by the Annual General Meeting.
In addition the Group will maintain a mailing list of supporters who have expressed an interest in its aims and wish to be kept informed of its activities.

5. The Coalition welcomes support from members of all political parties and from those who choose not to belong to any political party.
It does not offer its support to any political party as such but endeavours to persuade members of all political parties to support its aims and campaigns.
Its meetings and its publications cannot therefore be used as a vehicle to promote any particular political party.

6. Meetings of members and supporters will be held regularly.

7. An Annual General Meeting will be held in:- October
a) to hear Reports from the Officers on the Group's work over the past year.
b) to elect the Officers for the coming year.
c) to discuss resolutions from members and supporters and to decide future activities.
Only members will be entitled to vote.

7. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote at an AGM.

Approved at the AGM held on Wednesday, September 14th 2005